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1. Ms. REBONG (Philippines), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.30 entitled "Commission on Human Settlements". In the draft resolution, the General Assembly endorsed the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fifteenth session and took note of the contribution of the Commission and of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to the preparations for the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II).

2. Speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, China and Turkey, she then introduced draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.27 entitled "United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)". In paragraph 2, the General Assembly decided that the third session of the Preparatory Committee would be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 26 February to 8 March 1996. A change of date would, however, be proposed in order to avoid overlapping with the celebration of Ramadan.

3. She also introduced draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.28 entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme". In the draft resolution, the General Assembly noted with concern the lack of sufficient financial contributions to the Environment Fund and called upon Governments to take steps to remedy the situation.

4. She next introduced draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.29 entitled "Desertification and drought", in which the General Assembly expressed its concern at the current level of resources available to the United Nations bodies responsible for activities in the field and welcomed the efforts made by the

United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen their cooperation in combating desertification.

5. She also introduced draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.32 entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States", and announced that Australia and Japan had joined the sponsors.

6. Mr. CABACTULAN (Philippines), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.31 entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s". The aim of the draft resolution was to strengthen the renewed interest in assisting the least developed countries, resulting from the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Mid-term Global Review of the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s. He urged delegations to give it close consideration during the informal consultations.

7. He also introduced draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.34 entitled "Developing human resources for development". One of the most important points in that resolution, found in paragraph 10, was the request to take into account the important link between human resources and human settlements, to be addressed at the upcoming United Nations Conference on Human Settlements. For the Group of 77 and China, human resources development was vitally important.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued) (A/C.2/50/L.14)

8. Ms. REBONG (Philippines) announced that Kyrgyzstan had joined the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.14 entitled "Communication for development".

AGENDA ITEM 94: MACROECONOMIC POLICY QUESTIONS (continued)

(a) FINANCING OF DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/50/L.15)

(c) EXTERNAL DEBT CRISIS AND DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/50/L.7)

9. Ms. REBONG (Philippines) announced that Kyrgyzstan had joined the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.15 entitled "Sources for the financing of development" and draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.7 entitled "Enhancing international cooperation towards a durable solution to the external debt problem of developing countries".

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(a) IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/50/L.8)

10. Ms. REBONG (Philippines) announced that Kyrgyzstan had joined the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.8 entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity".

AGENDA ITEM 100: RENEWAL OF THE DIALOGUE ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP (continued) (A/C.2/50/L.11)

11. Ms. REBONG (Philippines) announced the Kyrgyzstan had joined the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.11 entitled "Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership".

AGENDA ITEM 102: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/50/L.9)

12. Ms. REBONG (Philippines) announced the Kyrgyzstan had joined the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.9 entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development".

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.